

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 15, 21, and 22 are rewritten upon entry of this paper in order to better describe the invention. Applicants hereby request reconsideration and further examination.

Support for adding "using a table of related information and a time stamp" in claims 1, 15, 21, and 22 is provided by Figures 5A-6 (505, 507, 513 and 515) and are discussed in the specification in paragraphs 57-70 and further discussed in relation to Figure 4 in paragraphs 81-85.

Claims 1-25 and 27-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Hube (U.S. 5,337,161). Claims 1, 15, 21, and 22 now clearly show that we are storing information in the table that is not necessarily related to anything on the page of the document but rather use a table of information (i.e. "table of tabs") to create the tabs.

In contrast, Hube describes extracts of a portion of a page image (Abstract, col. 2 lines 17-17, 32-33, and 65-68) and converting that to tab information (rectangular image areas on the page) and some transformation rules (i.e. scaling and rotating) to prepare an image to be printed on the tab. The preferred embodiment of Hube uses a Docutech copier, which is an image based machine. This is described in detail in col. 7 and col. 8, which make clear that this is an image based system, and that the only table used ("tab parameter" table) does not contain the information contained in that of the present invention since the Huber table contains "tab type information", col. 7 lines 27-34 but not the images which extracted as described in col. 8, lines 47-59. The procedure described in Huber might at first glance seem similar to that in the present invention because some components have similar names but the present invention is not image based but rather works with files, such as pdf files. Hube is limited to image manipulation as discussed above and described in the specification.

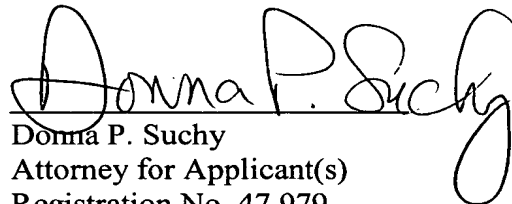
Claim 26 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hube in view of Neuhard et. Al. (U.S. 6,052,198). In the rejection it was stated that the desktop component of Hube (touch screen 62, col. 6, lines 3-14) is "configured to modify at least one marker (step 52(S52), Fig. 12)" but as discussed above, Hube does not state that the modification is independent of the

document content. Merely substituting the tab of Neuhard, as stated in the rejection, does not provide the missing limitation. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner specifically note where Hube or Neuhard teach this limitation. In the absence of such, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection on this basis is in error and request that it be withdrawn.

Finally, with respect to the combination of Hube and Neuhard in all rejections, Applicants respectfully submit that Hube not provide sufficient objective motivation, for one of ordinary skill in the relevant art, to modify Neuhard in the manner attempted.

Therefore, the Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims, Claims 1-29 9, are in condition for allowance. If, however, the Examiner feels that any further issues remain, he is invited to contact the undersigned so that such matters can be promptly resolved.

Respectfully submitted,


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